

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Lothar Steidler

**Serial No.:** 10/687,996

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**For:** SELF-CONTAINING  
LACTOCOCCUS STRAIN

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**Examiner:** E. Slobodyansky, Ph.D.

**Group Art Unit:** 1652

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**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Interview Summary mailed January 31, 2007, applicant provides a Statement of the Substance of Interview as follows on page 2 of this paper.

**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

The applicant and applicant's representatives would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended them during the telephonic interview of January 23, 2008. The interview was very helpful to the applicant and his representatives in gaining an understanding of the Examiner's concerns. During the interview, the rejections made in the Office Action of July 26, 2007 were discussed as were the Examiner's and applicants perspectives with respect to the rejections. In particular, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, were discussed as well as the Examiner's requirements for overcoming the rejections. If the Office believes that further comments are necessary or desired describing the interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact applicant's undersigned attorney, and further detail will be promptly provided.

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicant notes that a copy of the PTO/SB/08B form filed by the applicant, on January 7, 2008, in conjunction with and Information Disclosure Statement, was returned to the applicant with the above noted Interview Summary. However, the returned PTO/SB/08B lacked the Examiner's initials indicating that she had considered the art submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant respectfully requests the that the Examiner consider the art provided in conjunction with the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 7, 2008, and that an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08B be provided to the applicant.

If questions remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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